



Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Economic Development
OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

December 19, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

***Re: Ex Parte Presentation, Amendment of the Commission's Policies and Rules for
Processing Applications in the Direct Broadcast Satellite Service, IB Docket No. 06-160***

On December 15, 2016, the Hon. E. Grant Gibbons, JP, MP, Minister of Economic Development of Bermuda, along with Mr. William Francis, Permanent Secretary for Economic Development of Bermuda, Kathryn Martin of Access Partnership, and Richard Upchurch of Access Partnership, met with International Bureau Chief Mindel De La Torre, Global Strategies and Negotiation Division Chief Olga Madruga-Forti, Satellite Division Chief Jose Albuquerque, Troy Tanner of the Office of the Bureau Chief, Michele Wu-Bailey of the Office of the Bureau Chief and Kerry Murray of the Satellite Division to discuss general matters, including satellite regulation. During the meeting, Minister Gibbons inquired about the status of the above proceeding and the moratorium on applications to provide DBS service to the United States.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Francis', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

William G. Francis
Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Economic Development